MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HEALTH BETWEEN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, LABOUR AND WELFARE OF JAPAN AND THE SUPREME COUNCIL OF HEALTH OF THE STATE OF QATAR

The Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare of Japan and Supreme Council of Health of the State of Qatar the (hereinafter referred to as "both sides"),

Recognizing the importance of strengthening the bilateral relations, friendship and cooperation between the two countries, in the field of health,

Have confirmed as follows:

Paragraph (1) Areas of Cooperation

Both sides will explore opportunities to strengthen cooperation in the following areas of health:

1. Financing the healthcare to achieve universal health coverage through utilizing Japan's experience in the field of health insurance;

2. Providing advanced medical treatment, pharmaceutical products and the medical equipment;

3. Developing human resources by providing training for those who work for the healthcare services; and

4. Any other kinds of cooperation in the field of health by mutual consent of both sides.

Both sides also recognized that this Memorandum aims to develop general principles and basic elements for the preliminary and prospected cooperation.

Paragraph (2) Status of this Memorandum

This Memorandum is only an expression of the intent of both sides to explore the future opportunities of cooperation between them in the field of health, and does not create any rights or obligations for either side.

Paragraph (3) Modification

This Memorandum may be modified by the written consent of both sides. Such modification will commence in line with the same procedures described in subparagraph (1) of Paragraph (4).

Paragraph (4) Commencement, Duration and Termination

1. Following signature by both sides, this Memorandum will commence from the date of notification by the Qatari side to the Japanese side through diplomatic channels, of the completion of the necessary domestic procedures of the Qatari side.

2. This Memorandum will remain for a period of five (5) years, and will be automatically extended for another period of five (5) years, unless, at any time, either side gives a six (6) months prior written notice to the other side of its intention to terminate this Memorandum.

3. The termination of this Memorandum will not affect ongoing programs and projects until they have been completed, unless both sides mutually decide otherwise.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by both sides, have signed this Memorandum.

DONE in duplicate in Tokyo on 20 February 2015, in the Japanese, Arabic and English languages, all texts have equal values. In case of any divergence, the English text will prevail.

FOR THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH,FOR THE SUPREME COUNCIL OFLABOUR AND WELFARE OF JAPAN:HEALTH OF THE STATE OF QATAR: